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SUBJ BUILDING TRADES UNIONS RESUME DUES

PAYMENTS TO CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS

1. LOW-KEY EFFORTS BY CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS (CLC)  
TO PERSUADE US BASED INTERNATIONAL BUILDING TRADES UNIONS  
TO RESUME PAYMENT OF CLC AFFILIATION DUES HAVE FINALLY  
BEEN SUCCESSFUL. ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO SIX OF THE TWELVE  
BUILDING TRADES UNIONS REPRESENTED IN CANADA HEEDDED  
RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN LETTERS SENT BY AFL-CIO  
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES DEPT. PRESIDENT GEORGINE  
TO AFFILIATES IN WHICH HE URGED THEM TO RESUME PER  
CAPITA PAYMENTS THAT HAD BEEN WITHHELD SINCE CLC  
ADOPTED STRONGER CANADIAN AUTONOMY STANDARDS AT ITS  
MAY 1974 CONVENTION (SEE JAN. 31 MEMCON THIS SUBJECT).  
REMAINING SIX UNIONS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO RESUME DUES  
PAYMENTS SHORTLY. CLC LEADERSHIP, FACED WITH C\$326,000  
DEFICIT FOR 1974, IS GREATLY RELIEVED THAT BUILDING  
TRADES UNIONS NOT ONLY RESUMING DUES PAYMENTS BUT ALSO  
MAKING UP ARREARS TOTALING ROUGHLY C\$260,000 SINCE  
LAST JUNE. HOWEVER, MINOR IRRITANT REMAINS BECAUSE  
BUILDING TRADES UNIONS ONLY PAYING 15 CENTS PER CAPITA  
(INSTEAD OF 20 CENTS APPROVED BY LAST CLC CONVENTION)  
ARGUING THEY WERE NOT CONSULTED AND DID NOT HAVE U.S.

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HEADQUARTERS APPROVAL FOR DUES INCREASE.

2. ASSUMING THAT DISPUTE OVER DUES NOW IN PROCESS OF RESOLUTION MAJOR DIFFERENCES CONCERNING AUTONOMY STANDARDS FOR CANADIAN LOCALS OF U.S. BASED INTERNATIONALS (SEE OTTAWA 3740, NOV. 15, 1974) STILL REMAIN. CLC SECRETARY-TREASURER MONTGOMERY TOLD LABATT THAT HE PLANS TO HEAD THREE-MAN DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH AFL-CIO SECRETARY-TREASURER KIRKLAND AND OTHERS AT MUTUALLY SUITABLE TIME IN APRIL TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF U.S. INTERNATIONAL UNIONS MEETING AUTONOMY STANDARDS, PARTICULARLY ELECTION OF CANADIAN OFFICERS BY CANADIAN DELEGATES AT UNION CONVENTIONS. MONTGOMERY BELIEVES SOME FORWARD MOVEMENT PRIOR TO 1976 CLC CONVENTION IS ESSENTIAL IF INTERNATIONAL UNION STRUCTURE IS TO BE RETAINED IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

3. COMMENT: CONSIDERING GROWING STRENGTH AND INFLUENCE OF AUTONOMY ORIENTED CANADIAN NATIONAL UNIONS PARTICULARLY IN PUBLIC SECTOR, POSSIBILITIES OF SUSPENSION OR DISAFFILIATION OF SOME US INTERNATIONAL UNIONS FROM CLC SHOULD NOT BE MINIMIZED.

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